



# Washington

## School for the Deaf

### Statewide Outreach Program

#### Overview

Founded in 1886, the Washington School for the Deaf (WSD) serves eligible deaf and hard of hearing children ages birth through 21. Located in Vancouver, the WSD campus is divided into three unique programs, aimed at serving deaf and hard of hearing children across the state: Academic Programs, Residential Programs, and Statewide Outreach. The Statewide Outreach Program, established in 1984, provides evaluations, consultations, training, technical information and resources to agencies, communities and 296 school districts across the state.

### Qualified, Professional Staff

The WSD Outreach team consists of state-certified professionals from a wide variety of specialties and with a wealth of expertise in deafness. The diversity of the team allows WSD to evaluate and successfully address a wide array of outreach needs. Included on the team are the following:

- ◆ American Sign Language Specialist
- ◆ Educational Audiologist Consultant
- ◆ Educational Interpreter
- ◆ Parent Infant Specialist
- ◆ School Counselor
- ◆ School Psychologist
- ◆ Speech and Communication Services Consultant
- ◆ Teacher Consultant
- ◆ Transition Services Coordinator

### Services Provided

All outreach services are provided using direct communication methods that are culturally and linguistically appropriate for deaf and hard of hearing children ages birth through 21. A fee schedule is based on district needs and the location where the services take place. Meetings, consultations, training, and evaluations can be provided at the home school or district, on-site at the WSD campus, or via the K-20 statewide video conferencing system.

Evaluation services include: Initial evaluations, three-year re-evaluations, placement/Individual Education Plan (IEP) evaluations, accommodation needs, needs assessments, and functional vocational evaluations.

Consultation services include: Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSPs), IEPs, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), classroom accommodations, teaching strategies, behavior management, Functional Behavioral Analysis (FBA), use of technology in the classroom, assistance to parents and families, and assistance regarding educational interpreting.

Technical Information and Resources include: Referral information for assistive technology, resources for deaf and hard of hearing individuals, lending library (books and videotapes) and information clearinghouse.

Training services include: K-20 statewide video conferencing system training, teachers and interpreter training, parenting skills training, communication training, and professionals working with deaf and hard of hearing children.

Community services include: American Sign Language (ASL) classes, summer education programs, deaf awareness, and family learning weekends and training retreats.

### For More Information

To learn more about the Statewide Outreach Program, please call (360) 418-4351 (V/TTY) or (800) 613-4228 ext. 351 (within WA), or email your request to: [outreach@wsd.wa.gov](mailto:outreach@wsd.wa.gov).

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